

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
AIZAWA et al. )  
Application Number: To be assigned )  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: DISK ARRAY SYSTEM AND A METHOD OF )  
AVOIDING FAILURE OF THE DISK ARRAY SYSTEM )  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of November 26, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-395322.

A certified copy of Japanese patent application 2003-395322, will be submitted as soon as it is received from Applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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